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PHILADELPHIA –Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid and Lehigh District Attorney James Martin today announced the filing of a thirteen count indictment charging Argenis Urena with five counts of interference with commerce by robbery, one count of interference with commerce by attempted robbery, six counts of using and carrying a firearm during a crime of violence and a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. The indictment alleges that on March 14, 2007, Urena committed a robbery with a firearm at the Sunoco/A Plus Mini Market located at 2138 W. Hamilton Street in Allentown. Also on March 14, 2007, the indictment alleges that Urena committed a robbery with a firearm at the Hess Express station located at 2245 Lehigh Street in Allentown. On March 16, 2007, the indictment alleges Urena committed a robbery with a firearm at the Sunoco/A-Plus Mini Market located at 3100 Tilghman Street in Allentown. The indictment also alleges that on March 19, 2007, Urena committed a robbery with a firearm at the Turkey Hill Mini Market located at 2910 W. Emaus Avenue in Allentown. On March 20, 2007, the indictment alleges that Urena committed a robbery with a firearm at the 7-11 convenience store located at 1426 West Broad Street in Bethlehem. On March 23, 2007, the indictment alleges that Urena attempted to commit a robbery with a firearm at the Turkey Hill Mini Market located at 106 South Third Street in Coopersburg.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Argenis Urena	Allentown, PA	24 years old

If convicted of the charges, Urena faces 312 years imprisonment, of which 132 years is the mandatory minimum and must be imposed consecutive to any other term of imprisonment, a 2 million dollar fine, three years supervised release, and a \$1800 special assessment.

This indictment is part of the Route 222 Anti-Gang Initiative, an initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, Lehigh County District Attorney's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms and the Allentown Police Department, to identify and prosecute offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Christie F. Bonesch.

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